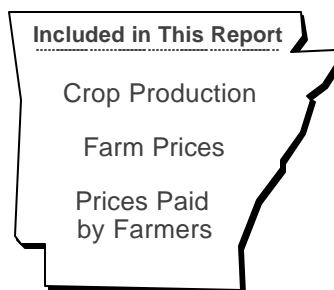


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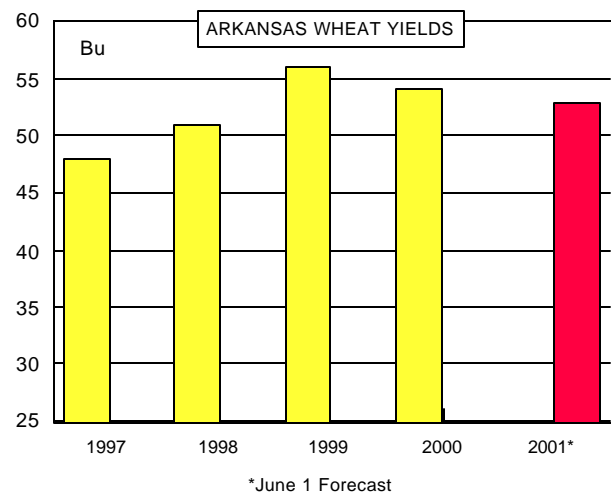
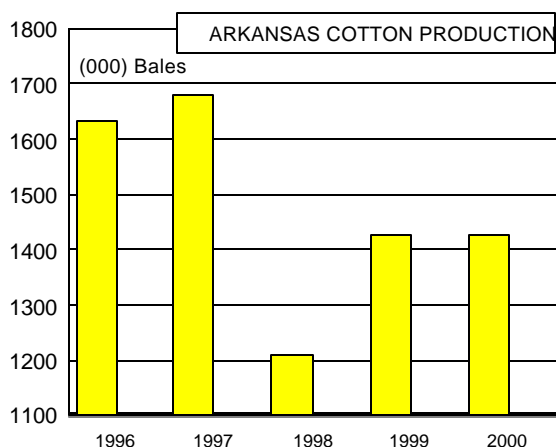
ARKANSAS HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production in **Arkansas** as of May 1, 2001 is forecast at 55.1 million bushels, down 7 percent from the 2000 crop of 59.4 million bushels. The average yield is expected to be 53 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel per acre from the previous year. Wheat growers expect to harvest 1,040,000 acres this year, down 5 percent from last year's 1,100,000 acres. The final estimate of Arkansas **cotton** production for 2000 totaled 1,425,000 bales, down less than 1 percent from 1999. Yield averaged 720 pounds of lint per acre, up 6 pounds per acre from the 714 pounds per acre in 1999. Cotton growers harvested 950,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from a year ago. **All hay** stocks on Arkansas farms on May 1, 2001 totaled 270,000 tons, down 46 percent from the May 1, 2000 stocks of 500,000 tons.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production as of May 1, 2001, is forecast at 1.34 billion bushels, down 14 percent from 2000, to the lowest level since 1978. Yield is forecast at 41.8 bushels per acre, 2.8 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 32.1 million acres, down 8 percent from last season.

Cotton production totaled 17.2 million bales in 2000, 1 percent above the 1999 production level. The 2000 output is the eighth largest crop on record. The area planted to all cotton totaled 15.5 million acres, up 4 percent from 1999, and harvested area, at 13.1 million acres, was down 3 percent from 1999. The increase in planted acres was attributable to the favorableness of cotton as an alternative crop during times of low prices. Yields for the U.S. averaged 632 pounds per harvested acre. **Hay** stocks on farms totaled 21.1 million tons on May 1, 2001, down 27 percent from May 1, 2000.



WINTER WHEAT

STATE	HARVESTED ACREAGE		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION	
	FINAL 2000	FORECAST 2001	FINAL 2000	FORECAST 2001	FINAL 2000	FORECAST 2001
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
ARKANSAS	1,100	1,040	54.0	53.0	59,400	55,120
Kansas	9,400	8,400	37.0	34.0	347,800	285,600
Missouri	950	780	52.0	50.0	49,400	39,000
Nebraska	1,650	1,700	36.0	36.0	59,400	61,200
Oklahoma	4,200	3,600	34.0	27.0	142,800	97,200
Texas	2,200	2,900	30.0	30.0	66,000	87,000
U.S.	35,022	32,088	44.6	41.8	1,562,733	1,341,381

UPLAND COTTON: ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

STATE	ACREAGE				LINT YIELD		PRODUCTION	
					PER HARVESTED ACRE		PER 480-LB.	
	PLANTED		HARVESTED				NET WEIGHT BALES	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Bales</i>	
ARKANSAS	970.0	960.0	960.0	950.0	714	720	1,428.0	1,425.0
California	610.0	775.0	605.0	770.0	1,254	1,378	1,580.0	2,210.0
Louisiana	615.0	710.0	610.0	695.0	709	629	901.0	911.0
Mississippi	1,200.0	1,300.0	1,180.0	1,280.0	704	642	1,731.0	1,711.0
Missouri	380.0	400.0	377.0	388.0	601	668	472.0	540.0
Oklahoma	240.0	280.0	150.0	145.0	461	503	144.0	152.0
Tennessee	570.0	570.0	565.0	565.0	505	603	595.0	710.0
Texas	6,150.0	6,400.0	5,100.0	4,400.0	475	430	5,050.0	3,940.0
U.S. UPLAND	14,584.0	15,347.0	13,138.0	12,884.0	595	626	16,293.7	16,799.2
U.S. AMER-PIMA	289.5	170.2	286.9	169.0	1,128	1,105	674.3	389.1
U.S. TOTAL	14,873.5	15,517.2	13,424.9	13,053.0	607	632	16,968.0	17,188.3

COTTONSEED PRODUCTION, 3 YEAR COMPARISONS

STATE	1998	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Tons</i>		
Alabama	192.0	225.0	192.0
Arizona	288.0	275.0	297.0
ARKANSAS	478.0	552.0	556.0
California	544.0	799.0	909.0
Georgia	526.0	546.0	563.0
Louisiana	236.0	331.0	331.0
Mississippi	561.0	667.0	662.0
Missouri	135.0	175.0	205.0
New Mexico	32.6	50.5	39.7
North Carolina	351.0	278.0	508.0
Oklahoma	54.0	52.0	58.0
South Carolina	122.0	100.0	133.0
Tennessee	205.0	223.0	289.0
Texas	1,558.0	1,987.0	1,589.0
Virginia	51.0	49.0	57.0
UNITED STATES	5,365.4	6,353.5	6,435.6

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS, 2 YEAR COMPARISONS

STATE	DECEMBER 1 1999	MAY 1 2000	DECEMBER 1 2000	MAY 1 2001
	<i>1,000 Tons</i>			
ARKANSAS	1,900	500	2,150	270
Minnesota	5,490	1,570	4,446	960
Mississippi	1,350	135	850	45
Missouri	5,997	1,445	5,392	799
Nebraska	4,900	1,500	3,500	500
Oklahoma	4,200	1,000	3,700	450
Tennessee	2,655	607	3,405	804
Texas	6,568	2,627	6,660	1,450
Wisconsin	5,900	3,000	4,800	1,980
UNITED STATES	108,922	28,817	103,730	21,106

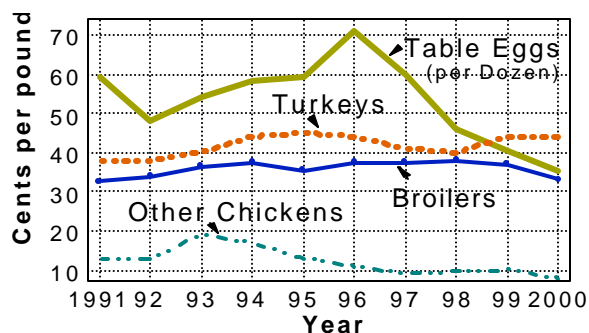
APRIL LIVESTOCK PRICES UP FROM MARCH

Compared with March 2001, the April prices received by Arkansas farmers for products sold were higher for sorghum, turkeys, and all classes of livestock except cows, while prices decreased for soybeans, wheat, and cows.

The April 2001 price changes from March 2001 and April 2000, respectively, are as follows:

Cotton: unchanged and up 7.9 cents per pound. **Sorghum:** up 9 cents per cwt. from March. **Soybeans:** down 11 cents, and down 89 cents per bushel. **Wheat:** down 13 cents, and up 15 cents per bushel. **Beef cattle:** up 90 cents, and up \$3.00 per cwt. **Steers & Heifers:** up \$4.00, and up 70 cents per cwt. **Hogs:** up \$1.70, and down 30 cents per cwt. **Table Eggs:** unchanged, and down 3 cents.

Marketing Year Average Prices Received, Poultry and Eggs, Arkansas, 1991-2000



Marketing Year: Dec. to Nov. for broilers, chickens and eggs, Jan. to Dec. for turkeys.

MID-APRIL PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, AND MARKETINGS, WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES			
		Apr. 2000	Mar. 2001	Mid- Apr. 2001	Apr. 2000	Mar. 2001	Mid- Apr. 2001	Parity Prices Apr.2001
PRICES RECEIVED 1/ CROPS		Dollars			Dollars			Dollars
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.03	1.95*	1.91	6.62
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	.434	.513*	.513	.454	.432*	.436	1.68
Cottonseed	Ton	-	-	-	-	-	-	255.00
Hay, All (Baled)	Ton	-	-	-	78.20	87.20	94.80	
Hay, Alfalfa (Baled)	Ton	-	-	-	81.90	93.70	100.00	
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.35	1.24*	1.29	3.79
Rice, All 2/	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.75	5.55*	5.52	27.00
Sorghum Grain	Cwt.	-	3.81*	3.90	3.24	3.29*	3.34	11.30
Soybeans	Bu.	5.24	4.46*	4.35	5.00	4.39*	4.18	14.40
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.23	2.51*	2.38	2.57	2.87*	2.84	9.70
LIVESTOCK								
Calves	Cwt.	102.00	102.00*	103.00	111.00	112.00*	113.00	209.00
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	67.80	69.90*	70.80	71.30	76.30*	76.50	159.00
Cows 4/	Cwt.	36.40	41.00*	40.00	39.80	42.30*	42.70	
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	83.30	80.00*	84.00	75.20	80.50*	80.70	
Milk Cows 5/	Head	-	-	-	1,340	-	1,390	
Hogs, All	Cwt.	44.50	42.50*	44.20	47.40	46.00*	46.70	104.00
DAIRY 6/								
Milk Sold to Plants, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	11.90	13.90*	14.40	32.30
Milk, Fluid Grade	Cwt.	-	-	-	11.90	13.90*	14.40	
Milk, Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	-	-	-	10.20	12.20*	12.70	
POULTRY								
Broilers (Com'l) 7/ 8/	Lb.	-	-	-	.340	.400	.390	
Eggs (Table)	Doz.	.400	.370	.370	.476	.518	.492	1.56
Turkeys 7/	Lb.	.420	.370	.380	.400	.371	.378	.963
MARKETINGS 9/					Apr. 2000	Feb. 2001	Mar. 2001	
Cotton, Upland	1,000 Bales	-	-	-	346	696	943	
Rice	1,000 cwt.	-	-	-	8,860	12,296	11,549	

Commodities with no data are not estimated or published for the month. *Revised for full month price. 1/ Previous month and previous year prices for the entire month. Current mid-month prices are preliminary. 2/ Arkansas price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 3/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct. 6/ Arkansas estimates discontinued January 2000. 7/ Live weight equivalent price. 8/ Monthly estimates for individual state discontinued December 1999. 9/ Published for U.S. entire month only.

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR FEED, APRIL 1999-2001

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR FEEDS, 1999-2001							
Item	Unit	DELTA REGION 1/			UNITED STATES		
		1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
		Dollars per Unit					
Beef Cattle Conc. 32-36% Protein	Ton	247.00	250.00	230.00	258.00	261.00	279.00
Corn Meal	Cwt.	8.40	8.40	8.66	7.54	7.67	7.59
Cottonseed Meal, 41% Protein	Cwt.	11.60	11.50	13.00	14.60	14.90	15.70
Hog Feed: 14-18% Protein	Ton	214.00	196.00	212.00	200.00	203.00	215.00
Poultry Feed: Chick Starter,	Ton	231.00	237.00	241.00	242.00	249.00	239.00
Laying Feed, Compl.	Ton	172.00	167.00	184.00	208.00	206.00	212.00
Stock Salt	50 Lb.	3.40	3.40	3.60	3.99	4.01	4.05

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR FERTILIZER AND AGRI. CHEMICALS, APRIL 1999-2001

Item	Unit	SOUTH CENTRAL REGION 2/			UNITED STATES		
		1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
Fertilizers: 10-20-10 13-13-13 18-46-0 (DAP) Muriate of Potash, 60-62%	Ton	Dollars per Unit					
	Ton	198.00	189.00	196.00	200.00	191.00	199.00
	Ton	177.00	182.00	197.00	193.00	194.00	210.00
	Ton	247.00	227.00	227.00	264.00	240.00	244.00
	Ton	162.00	164.00	168.00	168.00	165.00	170.00
Herbicides: 2,4-D, 4EC	Gal.	n/a	n/a	n/a	14.90	14.70	14.90
Glyphosate (Roundup), 4EC	Gal.	n/a	n/a	n/a	45.50	43.30	44.50
Insecticides: Chlorpyrifos, Malathion, 5EC	Gal.	n/a	n/a	n/a	51.00	43.60	42.40
	Gal.	n/a	n/a	n/a	25.10	26.20	27.40

n/a - Regional data not available.

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR FUEL, APRIL 1999-2001

Item	Unit	DELTA REGION 1/			UNITED STATES		
		1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
<i>Dollars per Unit</i>							
Unleaded Gasoline: Service Station	Gal.	1.04	1.46	1.38	1.10	1.47	1.43
Bulk Delivery	Gal.	1.05	1.41	1.41	1.13	1.48	1.47
Diesel, Bulk Delivery	Gal.	0.640	1.030	1.010	0.728	1.080	1.080
L.P. Gas, Bulk Delivery	Gal.	0.840	1.150	1.330	0.699	0.963	1.16

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR MACHINERY, U. S., APRIL 1999-2001

Item and Unit		1999	2000	2001
		<i>Dollars</i>		
Baler, Round, 46-48" Bales, 1200-1500 Lb.		17,700	17,300	17,600
Front-End Loader, Hydraulic, 1800-2500 Lb., 60" Bucket, Tractor		5,060	4,880	4,910
Rotary Cutter, 7-8 feet		2,980	2,970	3,100
Tractor, 2-Wheel Drive: 30 - 39 P.T.O. Horsepower		15,400	16,400	16,600
50 - 59 P.T.O. Horsepower		21,900	21,800	22,000
70 - 89 P.T.O. Horsepower		32,300	33,700	34,200

1/ Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. 2/ Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.